

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pico Water District was held in the District's Boardroom located at 4843 South Church Street, Pico Rivera, California, on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:01 p.m.

The District's Secretary/General Manager, Mr. Mark J. Grajeda proceeded with the roll call of the attending Board members. Present from the beginning of the meeting were President David R. Gonzales, while Director Pete Ramirez, Director Robert Martinez, and Vice President Victor Caballero participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Director Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically.

President Gonzales presided over the meeting and Director Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Rodriguez gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the Agenda and Director Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Caballero made the motion to approve and Director Ramirez seconded the motion. Legal Counsel stated a revision needs to be made to the 2/17/2021 minutes to reflect that the deadline for new bills in the Legislature is February 19, 2021 not February 26, 2021. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, discuss upcoming 95th Anniversary of Pico Water District. President Gonzales stated that whenever he is out and about the city, current and former residents always comment on the former water tower on Church Street. He was thinking of possibly a water tower paperweight to commemorate the 95th Anniversary. The General Manager stated that he believes that some sort of commemoration might be in order. After a brief discussion, the General Manager stated that he will work to find companies that the District can have design such an item.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. Beverly Blvd. project – mainline, services and hydrants are active and Rosemead Blvd. is active as well. There is a hydrant on the northeast corner of Beverly Road at Rosemead that was discovered to be off the 6" main in Beverly and it will be tied in to the 12" main; Layman project – mainline is completely installed, pressurizing and testing should take place the week of March 8th and should be totally active a week after that; Stephens Street – still waiting on a proposal from Riverside Construction. They currently have the District's bid schedule and should have it back

int time for the next Board Meeting; the President has furnished committee assignments to all Directors and plans are to hold both Engineering and Administrative Committee meetings in the next couple of weeks; the District's Technical Report for the treatment of PFAS/PFOA was submitted to the Division of Drinking Water and they have returned it with their input and there will be some additional work that is required for Wells 5 and 8. The RFP for the treatment vessels and medias should be completed in the next couple of weeks as some fine tuning is required before it is released. The Division of Drinking Water is requiring a side-stream pilot testing device in order to monitor how long it takes for the removal of PFAS.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel reported that February 19, 2021 was the deadline for bills to be introduced to the Legislature and a total of 2,369 bills were introduced this year. AB 339 – Brown Act bill requiring certain translation services at Board meetings and in printed materials; AB 361 – Brown Act bill that permanent video and tele-conferencing during proclaimed emergencies and certain other circumstances; another Brown Act bill authored by Assembly Member Blanco Rubio of San Gabriel Valley and sponsored by Three Valleys Water District would make video conferencing for meetings across the Board at any time; AB 995 – increasing the number of paid sick leave days required to be paid to employees; AB 1195 – introduced by Christina Garcia and would create a new water agency known as the Southern Los Angeles Regional Water Agency to act as a coordinating agency for water in the Central and West Basins. None of the water producers in the area were aware of it and Counsel has been involved in negotiations and redrafting items in the bill; AB 1435 – by Assembly Member Freedman reduces gallons per day per person standards; AB 1500 – a bond bill by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia is 6.7 billion bond dealing with climate and water issues; SB 45 – by Assembly Member Portantino 5.51 billion bond dealing with climate, wildfire and water issues; SB 222 – establishes low income rate assistance program statewide; SB 223 – a follow on to SB 998 would make further changes to discontinuation of water service for nonpayment; SB 274 – is another Brown Act bill that would allow agendas to be emailed. Legal Counsel then answered questions by the Directors.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's request for future agenda items. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director report on meetings attended. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director comments.

The Board retreated to closed session at 6:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Legal Counsel announced that the Board was briefed pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, considered the Liability Claim presented on behalf of Tony Velasquez against the Pico Water District the Board voted unanimously to reject the claim and directed Legal Counsel a responding letter to Mr. Velasquez's attorney notifying him of the rejection of the claim and setting forth an offer for the District to limit its cost in work to only the related water installation work that was discussed with Mr. Velasquez and allow Mr. Velasquez to proceed on his own with respect to any repaving of the street that the City of Pico Rivera may require.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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